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SUBJECT: US-EC CONSULTATIONS

REF: STATE 010445

SUMMARY: WE CARRIED OUT FIRST GENERAL EXCHANGE WITH IRISH IN THEIR CAPACITY AS EC PRESIDENTS JANUARY 20. WE MADE ALL POINTS PER INSTURCTIONS IN REFTEL AND SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE. IRISH TOOK CAREFUL NOTE, APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND OUR POSITIONS THOROUGHLY, AND SAID THAT THEY WOULD BE CONVEYED TO OTHER EC MEMBER. ON THIS INITIAL EXCHANGE, IRISH WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO GIVE EC REACTION ON MOST POINTS, BUT THEY REPEATED THEIR DESIRE TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE AND TO GIVE US TIMELY INFO AS DEVELOPMENTS OCCUR. END SUMMARY.

1. AT THE MEETING WERE PAUL KEATING, FONOFF PERMANENT SECRETARY, AND NOEL DORR, POLITICAL DIRECTOR. EMBOFFS WERE DCM AND POLITICAL OFFICER. WE STARTED BY REFERRING TO HARTMAN/KEATING DISCUSSION IN WASHINGTON AND EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH IRISH INTEREST IN MAINTAINING EFFECTIVE US/EC CONSULATIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE DREW ON STATE 012356 AND NOTED THAT A WELL PREPARED IRISH EMBASSY OFFICER HAD ALREADY OBTAINED WASHINGTON BRIEFING ON VIETNAM.

2. WE ASKED FOR CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT EC EVENTS UNDER IRISH PRESIDENCY. MORE DETAILED INFORMATION MAY BE AVAILABLE LATER. IRISH STRESSED THAT MANY EVENTS ARE STILL FLEXIBLE, BUT THESE APPEAR TO BE THE MAJOR ONES: POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING, JANUARY 23-24; MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, FEBRUARY 14; ANOTHER POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING NEAR END OF FEBRUARY; A MEETING OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT APPROXIMATELY MARCH 10 (IRISH WANT TO AVOID ANY MEETING AROUND MARCH 17 BECAUSE HOTELS WILL BE FULL FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY); MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS APPROXIMATELY MAY 28; ANOTHER HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING NEAR END OF IRISH TERM IN PRESIDENCY.

3. CSCE. WE REQUESTED TIMELY DEBRIEFINGS ON CSCE DISCUSSIONS AND SPECIFICALLY AFTER POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING THIS WEEK. DORR RECALLED WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS DURING FONMIN FITZGERALD'S VISIT (STATE 5878) AND US DESIRE FOR PROMPT BRIEFING. HE SAID HE WOULD TRY TO BRIEF US FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, OR ON THE WEEKEND, IF NECESSARY.

4. US AID TO PORTUGAL. WE MADE REFTEL POINTS, AND DORR ASKED  
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WHETHER A ONE-MILLION-DOLLAR AID PROGRAM WOULD GO VERY FAR TO MEET PORTUGUESE PROBLEMS. DRAWING ON STATE 003619, WE NOTED THAT SOME PROJECTS UNDER DISCUSSION WOULD HAVE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT INVOLVING "SEED MONEY" TO THE POINT WHERE THEY COULD GAIN INTERNATIONAL FINANCING.

5. EC-IRAN. IRISH CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD IMPORTANCE OF THIS SUBJECT AND UNDERTOOK TO COMMUNICATE OUR POINTS RAPIDLY TO OTHER MEMBERS.

(WE HAD EARLIER MADE FOUR BILATERAL APPROACHES ON SAME SUBJECT.)  
KEATING SAID THAT IRISH FULLY RECOGNIZED PROBLEMS IN ANY PREFERENTIAL EC AGREEMENT WITH IRAN, AND HE EXPECTED NO DRAMATIC DECISION BY FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING IN BRUSSELS TODAY, JANUARY 20. HE ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT IRELAND ITSELF WOULD NOT BE PUSHING FOR ANY PREFERENTIAL DEALS WITH IRAN.

6. SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN THE MTNS. WE MADE REFTEL POINTS AND ADDED INFO FROM STATE 011774. IRISH HAD NO COMMENT.

7. CYPRUS. WE MADE REFTEL POINTS. IRISH MADE NO COMMENT EXCEPT TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE POINTS ON THE US POSITION AND TO SAY THERE WAS A HIGH DEGREE OF INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT AMONG THEIR COLLEAGUES.  
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